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Downtown Putnam - Photo by Lydia Tourtellotte

Summer is the perfect time of year to explore the Quiet Corner. Drive along scenic byways and take in the beauty of lush forests and open fields, historic architecture and town greens, working farms and vineyards, and so much more. Take a hike or bicycle ride to discover more hidden beauty and the joys of nature. Visit the towns of Woodstock, Putnam and Pomfret where you will discover the many restaurants and shops that make this a 'destination location'. Summer entertainment will keep you coming back for more. First Friday's, Riverfires, car shows, road races, live music at Rotary Park, The Stomping Ground and The Vanilla Bean Cafe, live performances at The Bradley Theater, The Complex Performing Arts Center, agricultural fairs and more! We hope you enjoy this issue of The Putnam Traveler!

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Reviving Roseland Park

Roseland Park in Woodstock is like a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis. After several decades of decline, the 62 acres of land, the 96 –acre lake with over one-half mile of shoreline and a variety of restored buildings are opening up possibilities for recreation, relaxation and reunions with family and nature.

BY NANCY P. WEISS

Noted businessman Henry C. Bowen built a summer home on nearby Woodstock Hill, known as the Pink House. The house, now owned by the non-profit group, Historic New England, is open to the public on a regular basis.

He also developed Roseland Park and a 9–hole golf course on the north side of Roseland Park Road. Roseland Park, the site of Bowen's elaborate July 4th celebrations, was given to the 'people of Woodstock and the surrounding towns," in 1896. Bowen organized elaborate festivities that were hugely popular. The grounds could accommodate 1200 wagons and teams with as many as 10,000 people reported to have been in attendance. Bowen's influence was powerful enough for three presidents to accept his invitation to address the crowds. He created a venue equal to his vision for the community.

A lake was built by damming Muddy Brook. Statues and fountains graced the rolling lawns. An irrigation system fed the gardens, while rowboats were available for rental for leisurely paddles.

Roseland Park was a recreational jewel. No other property open to the public featured tennis courts, a golf course and play ground equipment, including a much loved "curly slide" for children. Long-term residents recall graceful metal statues of a dog and several deer, but over time, the property began to decline. After nearly a century of use, the park needed attention.

In the early years of this century, Roseland Park Trustee, Liz Heckler, recruited local residents, and a number of community organizations, to stem the encroachment of rhododendron bushes, clear and remove decaying structures and build a playscape for young children. However, the dock, gazebo, changing room, barn, caretaker's house, boat house and ramp needed more work than volunteer groups could provide if the park was to serve the needs of a new generation of visitors.

Under the leadership of Chairman John Rauh, the fifteen Trustees of Roseland Park, set an ambitious course to bring the property into the 21st century.

First, they filled the position of caretaker, which had been vacant for sometime. Seldom do the skills and personalities of individuals and needs of an organization dovetail as closely as they have in the selection of Rick and Dawna Harless for the position. The couple had completed careers in the military, primarily at Avery Point in Groton, Ct. Rick is a professional at dock building, carpentry, landscaping and equipment maintenance.

Dawna, an electrician by training, is an enthusiastic kayaker, gardener and organizer. Both love the outdoors and welcomed the chance, as Rick said: "Not to just mow the lawns, but to finish the park and put back what was once here."

On an early summer morning, Roseland Park was bustling with activity. The horse barn has been repaired and cleaned with plans to continue to upgrade it for weddings, receptions and classes. Local barn expert, Charlie Thompson, replaced rotted timbers, fixed the decaying cupola and set it all on a new, firm foundation. Peter Cooper, a well-know area restaurateur, is helping make the structure more useful for caterers.

The Beach House, once used as a changing area, has been cleaned and painted. Dawna Harless set up a book exchange inside. Rocking chairs and a cast iron bistro table welcome visitors to sit on the porch and take in the view of the lake. The fireplace, dedicated to the memory of HC Bowen, still works well.

Over time the long dock, capped by a graceful gazebo, fell into disrepair. Rick Harless, who vowed to never again build a dock, cheerfully recanted and used the remaining cement piers as the foundation for a new structure.

The dock leads to a wooden gazebo donated by Bet Zimmerman Smith and Patrick Smith in memory of Patrick's late wife, Claudia Vincenti Smith, who lived in a home on Roseland Lake. The site has been transformed into a quiet spot to contemplate the beauty of nature or a lively location for photo shoots of family and friends.

Local young people asked to establish a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) garden. Rick and Dawna donated seeds and plant, mulch, irrigation and fencing. TEEG provided the use of a new rototiller. The first organic Roseland Community Garden sprang to life. The 10-12 members will share produce with the remainder going to TEEG.

The boat ramp has also been restored. Nancy Rauh and Dawna Harless hosted a group of kayakers and plan to hold community paddles once a month at sunset. Plans are in motion to form the Muddy Brook Dingy Club in the spring of 2016. There are plans to develop a sand volleyball court, remodel the restrooms and improve lighting in the barn.

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While students from nearby Woodstock Academy arrived on buses to take samples of water from the lake for an environmental science class, Trustees Patsy and Glenn Converse dropped by with donuts to share with Rick and Dawna. Toddlers squealed with joy on the swings. Harless noted that the Pavilion with seating under cover for 65 and numerous picnic tables outside, is booked for corporate events, school and family celebrations nearly every day in spring and summer.

Special events will be held at the Park. On July 12 from 2-5, Horizon Wings, an avian rehabilitation program, will present a program that will include a Golden and a Bald Eagle.

September 13th will feature a Bluegrass Festival with three bands in the carriage shed. In October during Walktober Fest, there will be a Family Fall Festival and an art show in the restored barn.

Roseland Park has joined the 21st century in reality and technologically. Follow the park on Facebook or email Rick Harless at: ssbn598gold@gmail.com or call 860-963-9557.

Bet Zimmerman Smith has set up a website about Roseland Lake – its history, wildlife, water quality and related concerns. 'In an attempt to encourage interest and care for this little gem of a lake," according to Smith. **Go to http://www.roselandlake.org** to stay in touch.

Best of all, visitors are encouraged to drop by Roseland Park at 205 Roseland Park Rd, Woodstock, CT in person to see the changes and enjoy Henry C. Bowen's gift to the community.

The cost of bringing the park to new level of accessibility and attractiveness is high. The Board of Trustees has completed a strategic plan and is seeking support from corporations, foundations and individuals who love Roseland Park and wish to ensure that it will be part of the lives of future area residents.

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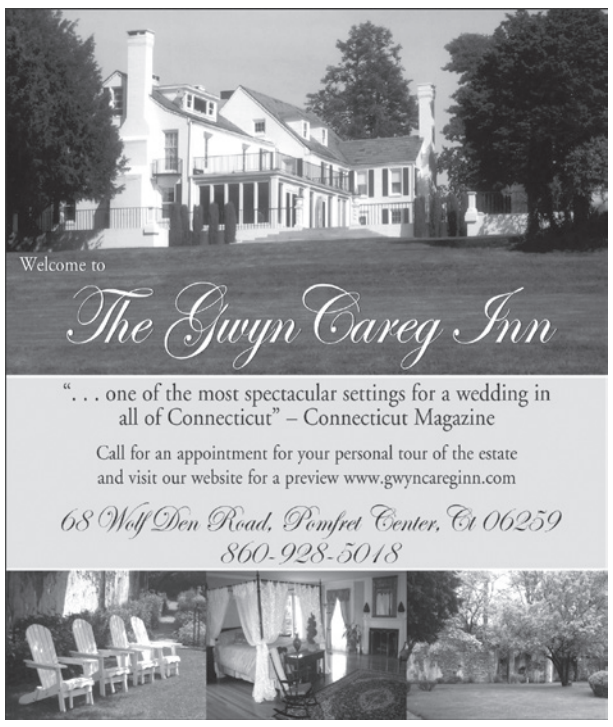

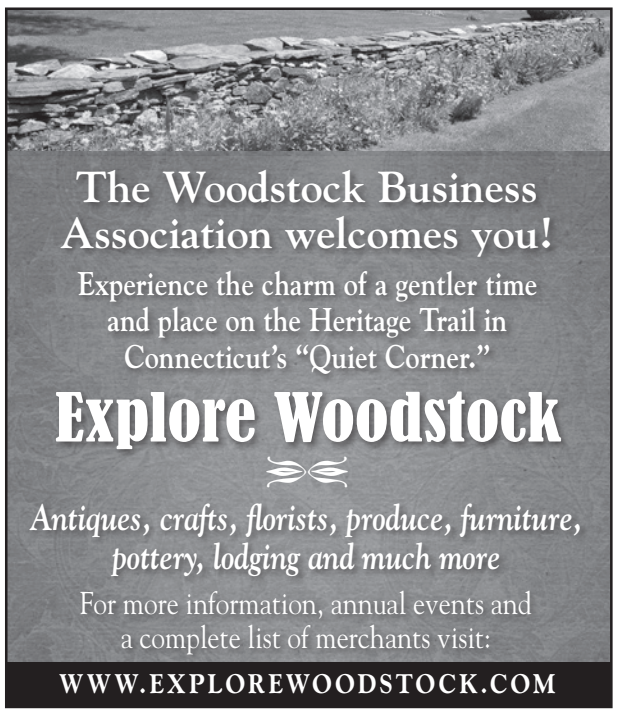

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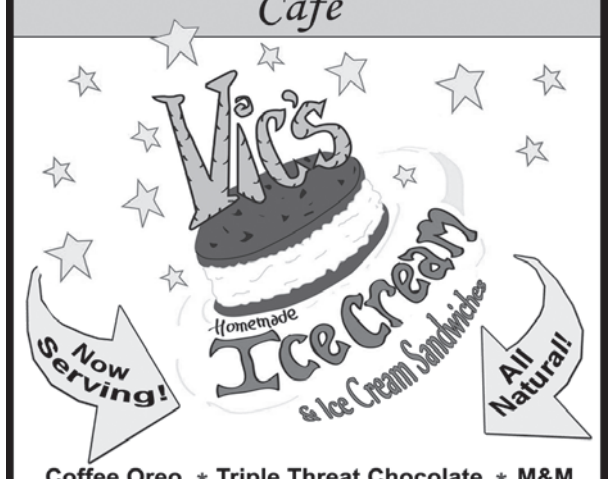

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the Airline Trail

BY JENNIFER HELLER

In the 1870's railroad engineers drew a 'line in the air' between New York and Boston. They wanted to build a direct, efficient route linking the two cities. What we now know as the Airline Route was the result: traversing eastern Connecticut and crossing the Quinebaug River at Putnam on it's way to Boston. In its heyday, the rails carried freight and passenger cars as well as the famous "Ghost Train" - luxurious Pullman cars painted a glamorous white and gold that flew through the twilight, whisking travelers elegantly through the New England landscape.

However, building and maintaining the Airline Route was no easy task. The engineering challenges to support a flat track through the hilly Quiet Corner necessitated substantial viaducts, culverts, and bridges. Other difficulties arose as well: the Great East Thompson Train Wreck is notorious for being the only rail accident in American history to involve 4 trains. Eventually rising costs, competition, and the loss of the Quinebaug River bridge in the Putnam flood of 1955 meant the demise of the route.

The tracks languished for many years until the Rails to Trails movement incited local citizens, towns, the East Coast Greenway Alliance, and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to rejuvenate the route into a functional trail. The rehabilitated Airline Trail spans 53 miles, from East Hampton to the Massachusetts border, and is a marvelous way to revel in the stunning landscape of the Quiet Corner. The Airline Trail is also the eastern CT section of the East Coast Greenway, a 2,900 mile system of linked trails from Florida to Maine. The Airline Trail appeals to all types of people: from families out for a short stroll to long-distance adventurers looking for a challenge. It is open to non-motorized traffic such as pedestrians, bikers, horse back riders and, in the winter, cross country skiers.

Traveling the Airline Trail is like entering a portal into a parallel world - you cross familiar terrain with a whole new perspective. At times the track soars above the surrounding treetops on viaducts, then the land rushes up beside it and the trail travels companionably beside ponds and through forests before banks swoop up on either side to follow the tracks cut long ago through the hills. When one passes under Route 44 or crosses other thoroughfares, the cars roaring overhead seem far away and, once past, you are instantly transported back into the greenery. (But please, use caution at all road crossings!)

One fun way to experience the Airline Trail is on Quinebaug Valley Community College's "Tackle the Trail" event, held in 2015 on October 17. This 19.4 mile event symbolically connects the Danielson and Willimantic QVCC campuses via the Airline trail. It can be run individually or as a relay with up to 5 team members and runners of all levels take part. Monique Wolanin of the QVCC Foundation points out that Tackle the Trail is a fun way to explore the Airline Trail in it's glorious fall foliage while supporting our excellent local community college. Another exciting way to explore the southern Airline Trail is the "Ghost Run," a half marathon on the Airline Trail in Hebron, CT. It is run on the Saturday nearest Halloween, combining a nod to the famous ghostly white cars with a way to work off your Halloween candy. Some participants even run in costume!

To the north of Thompson, the Airline Trail travels uninterrupted to the MA border, where it becomes the Southern New England Trunkline Trail. The Tri-State Marker, where the borders of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island meet, is an interesting highlight just off this section, as is the site of the Great East Thompson Train Wreck.

Great strides have been made in recent years by the CT DEEP, local towns and volunteers to develop and maintain the neglected trail. The DEEP has worked to connect the gaps, improve the drainage, widen the trail, clear obstacles, and provide a user-friendly surface. Most of the trail now has a packed crushed stone, stone dust, or packed dirt surface with adequate drainage. However, the section between Wright's Crossing Rd in Pomfret and Putnam is traversable only on foot, with numerous wet patches and obstacles, such as downed trees. According to Doug Cutler,

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Pomfret Railroad Pavilion

Putnam's town engineer, there are plans to improve the Putnam end, connecting the Airline Trail to the River Trail in the next few years.The Pomfret stretch also is marked for restoration. There are also 2 gaps in the Airline Trail. First, through Putnam where there is an active railroad line, the Airline Trail stops at the River Trail and resumes at the 121 Riverside Drive (Route 12) trailhead. Secondly, the trail is interrupted in downtown Willimantic and picks up again on Kingsley Road just west of the Windham/Lebanon town line. The town of Willimantic reports that there are plans to connect the gap there in 2015. If you want to get involved in the on-going renovation of the Airline Trail, the East Coast Greenway Alliance is a great place to start.

The Airline Trail is both a link to history and a wonderful way to appreciate the outdoors today. With its numerous access points, easy terrain, and beautiful scenery it is one of the eastern Connecticut's premiere trails. I hope to see you on it!

HELPFUL LINKS:
Trail description and map at the CT DEEP: http://www.ct.gov/deep/ under "Parks and Forests"

East Coast Greenway (read trail descriptions and find out how you can be a part of this awesome movement): http://www.greenway.org

QVCC Tackle the Trail (information and registration): http://www.qvcc.edu/tacklethetrail/

WELCOME TO THE WARD

Eclectic Shopping in Downtown Putnam

Step off the street this summer and explore the fun and friendly atmosphere growing in the former Montgomery Ward Building in downtown Putnam. From its days as the eponymous department store, this historic brick structure on the corner of Main and Pomfret Streets has long housed a few retail and service-oriented businesses. But lately this five-level landmark has been filling its empty spaces with color, style, taste, tunes and much, much more.

BY CRIS CADIZ

Today, the Montgomery Ward Building is both literally and figuratively cool. A perfect retreat from the heat on a hot summer day, the Ward's light-filled and air-conditioned atrium can be entered from either street level. Wonderland Comics & Collectibles is billed as "the largest toy, games and collectibles store in eastern Connecticut." As one of the most senior retail tenants, it is accessible from Canal Street at the back of the building.

From the Pomfret Street entrance, Sawmill Pottery welcomes you to the lower level of the Ward. This popular studio offers classes for all ages and levels plus a small gallery filled with ceramic treasures for sale. "When I moved into the Montgomery Ward building 7 years ago, it was pretty quiet," says studio owner Dot Burnworth. "In the past few years, so many new shops have opened and there is a positive energy spreading throughout the building that makes it a happier place to be every day. We've cleaned up and decorated the communal areas, and all the shop owners are so friendly and happy to be there that it is fun to just wander through the building. I feel lucky to be surrounded by a little community of wonderful people."

Located next to Sawmill Pottery, Saari Studios is a clothing and gift boutique that features the jewelry of lampwork glass bead artist Cynthia Saari. The work of her husband, master blacksmith and metal sculptor Michael Saari, is also showcased with samples of historic reproduction hardware and sculptural furniture. Cynthia's boutique offers women's clothing and accessories, gifts and home-dec elements that echo the style of Anthropologie but at a fraction of the cost. Cynthia's jewelry is all handmade and she is branching out into leather and fabric work with unique handbags and purses. Both she and her husband teach their crafts as well. Cynthia has held jewelry making workshops at her shop in the Ward, and also teaches lampwork glass techniques at the Belding Mill.

Within the past year, Cynthia has joined forces with the other businesses located in the Ward to draw visitors further into the building. "Usually people think of the stores right off the Main Street sidewalk, but we are trying to get people to explore up and down stairs," says Cynthia. Many shoppers enter the Ward from Main Street, by the colorful and creative storefront windows of Arts & Framing and the Flying Carpet Studio (jewelry, clothing, gifts & bead shop). But visitors often don't realize there is a lot more going on within the building past these popular anchors.

Several new shops have opened in the past year, including an allergy-friendly bakery, a book & music store, and a funky fashion accessory shop featuring

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upcycled creations. Another new shop, Lynthia Design—a retail venue offering "creative re-designs for home and life"--will be opening in July on the top floor of the Ward. There are now sixteen businesses located in the building, the majority of which are owned by women.

Novel Ideas: "Books, Music & Joy" on the Main Street Level is an imaginative kiosk that fills a formerly echoing open space of the atrium with life and color. Animal balloons greet you at the doorway of a rough wood barn-like frame. Every space between the studs and the rafters is open, so you can gaze at the shop's interior through the walls. Inside, you'll find books, cards, gifts, novelty items for all ages and an expanding collection of vinyl records, which has morphed into a business within a business.

On Friday evenings, Records at Montgomery Ward features "Spinning Vinyl" between 6 and 8PM. They welcome visitors to stop by and listen to some great tunes in the Ward's Atrium. "We've been telling local restaurants to send people over while they wait for tables," says owner Christine Crandall. "Have a seat... enjoy some music. We are just trying to make it a fun place."

Christine is also partner with Charlene Harubin in The Bottom Line. Located next to her new kiosk, this accounting and tax prep business has been located in the Ward for the last 25 years. "There was a time when we were pretty much the only ones in the building. Now I practically live here," Christine jokes. When Wonderland Books closed, Christine thought she might help fill that niche on a small scale. "This is my fun thing...this is my play house. I've always wanted to do a little shop of some type," she says. "Really, my goal is to make everyone that walks in here smile. In the last year, so much has changed in this building. It's really exciting. It's a great building, great people and business owners--the camaraderie is incredible."

The Ward Building proprietors have lately joined forces for cooperative marketing efforts. They meet once a month and have developed a brochure, are coordinating their open hours, and are working on signage to entice foot traffic from the street. They have agreed to stay open late on Friday and Saturday nights, when Putnam

fills with people going out to dinner or taking in a performance at the Bradley Playhouse or the Complex Performing Art Center. They are also trying to partner with downtown restaurants to offer a pager or text service so that diners can explore the Ward while they wait for tables. They have filled the atrium's empty spaces with cozy chairs and tables, with artwork and colorful displays to encourage visitors to relax, enjoy, and explore.

Julia Hillman's bright and funky shop PopCycle Design is located on the lower mezzanine next to the new allergy friendly bakery Cynfully Good (gluten free, dairy free, soy free, egg free), which is only open on Saturdays until the fall. "Everything is really delicious. It's hard to work next to this shop!" says Julia in her lilting voice. Julia is originally from Switzerland where she owned a fashion design company. "We want to make this like a mini-mall, a whole shopping experience," says Julia.

"Especially when it's very hot out or cold or rainy, it will be a nice place to go."

"I work with upcycled materials that I turn into something else. I'm interested in re-imagining and creating other purposes for things," she explains as she shows me hair accessories, belt buckles, neckties, and jewelry made with puzzle pieces, old labels, small toys and even sections of garden hose. Under Julia's artistic hands, these mundane objects become something totally new and remarkably attractive. Pages from an old book form an intricate lampshade. Produce netting embedded in a barrette creates a colorful geometric design. Julia also sells a wide selection of hats and some retail clothing and purses she brings in from New York. "I try and find more unique and unusual items." Everything in the store reflects her love of pop art.

Caroline D'Elia located her eight-year-old business in the Ward Building two years ago. Adept Bodywork offers massage and alternative/holistic health treatments. Thoughtfully renovated, the space is calm and soothing with warm orange and golden walls, the air scented with lavender and eucalyptus. "We do a bunch of different modalities of massage, including traditional, deep tissue, prenatal, and will be adding oncology massage in the fall," says Caroline. Open by appointment only Monday through Saturday, she and several therapists are also offering "express massage" on Friday evenings—another reason for people to come into the Ward. "If visitors want to come down while they are waiting for a table at a restaurant, they can get shoulders, neck, back done or a quick reflexology treatment," Caroline explains. "These would be available for a nominal charge."

Other businesses at the Ward include Dr. Jay's

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Guitar and Music (retail & lessons), Sharon Korsu's professional photography studio, another massage business, and Strong Body/Strong Mind Yoga Studio. See the contact info listed below for hours and offerings. Sheri Sochor, owner of Arts & Framing and the Sochor Art Gallery, has occupied her prime Main Street location for 12 years. She is also pleased with the changes at the Ward. "It's really great," she says. "There's life and things are happening. And everyone is working together."

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THE REOPENING OF CHAMBERLIN MILL

Chamberlin Mill is nestled at the corner of Old Turnpike and Dewing School Roads in a quiet West Woodstock neighborhood. The wooden building has occupied the same spot, close to the Still River, since the mid-19th century.

BY NANCY P. WEISS

The bucolic setting belies the activity that once filled the small community with the sounds of industry and commerce. Men and oxen worked together hauling logs to the site. The wood they processed became the homes, barns and outbuildings that still stand in area towns. The members of Chamberlin Mill, Inc. are working to restore the property so that it will once again hold an important place in the community.

Through much of its history, the sawmill harnessed the waterpower created by damming Still River to form Lower Chamberlin Pond. In the summer, the water level was lowered to grow hay. In winter the water was used to power the saw that transformed trees into logs. Chamberlin Mill is a link to local industry that used nearby resources to produce materials needed to build a thriving community.

The mill harkens back to a time when stage coaches sped through the little settlement on road between Boston and Hartford. Woodstock resident and historian Myron Stachiw, researched the early history of the property by followed a series of transactions beginning in the 1790's with Manassah Hosmer and proceeding until 1830 when Abijah Sessions sold his 3/4 interest in the mill to his son, Lyman Sessions. His descendents operated the sawmill until the 1960s and owned the site until 2008, when the Nature Conservancy purchased it. In 2014 it was transferred to the tax-exempt Chamberlin Mill, Inc, which was formed to preserve the site and make it accessible to the public.

The mill functioned with waterpower until a great flood in 1936 buried the turbine under four feet of silt. Remnants of the gears and pulleys remain on the site and more artifacts will be found as the restoration project continues, but an interesting event changed the power source in a manner that reflected the best of " Yankee ingenuity". The mill operators installed a 1928

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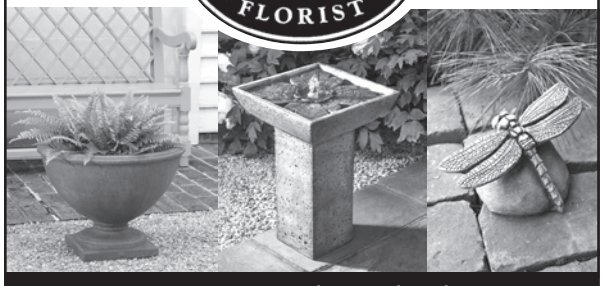

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Studebaker engine taken from a car to provide power. The engine, placed outside the two-story post and beam structure, functioned until the business closed.

More than 40 years ago, the Chamberlin Mill ceased operation. Now under the able leadership of Jean McClellan and members of the board as well as over 50 volunteers, the historic structure has been given a new lease on life.

According to McClellan, "The old sawmill is the last standing water-powered mill in Woodstock. It was owned by the same family for seven generations."

The mill is important beyond its position in Woodstock. McClellan noted that, "This is one of two publicly accessible historic sawmills in Connecticut." The other mill is in Ledyard and operates with an "up and down" system. The Chamberlin Mill uses a circular saw, called a Lane #1. Together the Ledyard and Chamberlin mills will tell the story of early sawmills in Connecticut.

Volunteers have cleared debris, stabilized the foundation and developed a 5-year strategic plan, which calls for repairing the timber framing, drainage work, a new roof, and restoration of the 1873 Lane #1 circular saw.

Nate Rosebrooks spearheaded the effort to bring the 1928 Studebaker engine to Mystic Seaport where volunteers located missing parts and restored the straight-8 machine. The Studebaker, silent since the late 1960s, will return to Woodstock to power the mill once again.

Funding for the project has come from a variety of sources, according to McClellan. "We are grateful for the support for the mill from the Woodstock Historical Society, Woodstock Historic Properties Commission, Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, Society for the Preservation of Old Mills, Summer Hill Foundation, Eversource, The Byrnes Insurance Agency, Citizens National Bank and CME Associates was well as more than 100 individual donors." Additional gifts will be needed to complete the project. Friends of Chamberlin Mill will hold outreach events on a regular basis.

Chamberlin Mill represents an important link to the past, but also a direct connection to the future. "Our hope is that the mill will become an educational resource. It is tied to the goals of the Last Green Valley and the region," McClellan added.

On October 4, 2015 at 2:00 as part of Walktober there will be a tour of the millsite and its neighborhood. The restored Studebaker engine will be on display. To learn more, become a volunteer or join the Friends of Chamberlin Mill, Inc., go to www.chamberlinmill.org. or write to: P.O. Box 2, Woodstock, CT06281. Email: chamberlinmill@gmail.com or call: 860-428-0656

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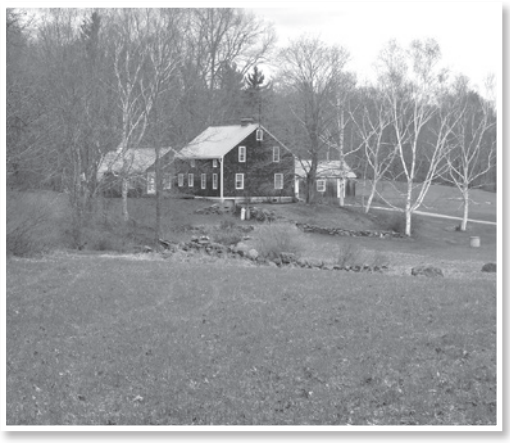

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Quiet Corner Country Stores

Long before the days of Walmart and Target, folks in rural areas relied on their general store for everything--from cooking staples and seeds for the farm to fabric to make clothes and tools to work the land. Even with today's virtually limitless shopping opportunities (including from your phone), there remains a need for the small, local shop...a place to get milk on the way home from work or pick up a newspaper on the weekend. For those with an appreciation for something more than a cookie-cutter gas station convenience store, it's good to know that the country store seems to be making a come-back in the Quiet Corner.

BY CRIS CADIZ

Both Hampton General Store on Route 97 and Quaddick Country Store in Thompson have re-opened in the last year. Woodstock Valley Country Store on Route 171 has new proprietors although the original owner remains as the manager. Eastford has its Corner Market and Coriander also sells some convenience items. Most offer dining or take-out or both, which appeals to many locals. But all reflect a sense of personality you won't find at an Xtra Mart. The owners respect the historic nature of their properties and feel nostalgia for the days of the neighborhood store.

Judi Rucki, 3rd generation owner of Rucki's General Store in Abington with her late husband John, reminded me that the true "general store" is a dying breed. Rucki's is the only authentic general store left in the Quiet Corner region. A bold black & gold sign on the front of this historic building says it all: "Rucki's General Store: Beer - Bibles - Bullets – Books."

You really can get almost anything in a true general store, and Rucki's has it all, from fresh brewed coffee and home-baked goods to produce and plants grown at the family farm. Rucki's, sells milk, bread, eggs, local honey, cold beer & other beverages, cast iron pans, pet food, hardware, handmade scarves, t-shirts, and much more. There is locally raised meat in the freezer and you

really can buy bullets and hunting paraphernalia as well as Christian-themed books, music, movies & gifts. As times changed and the reign of the strip mall, the gas station convenience store and the big box store progressed, Rucki's has remained true to the nature of the historic country general store: family owned & operated, unique and wide-ranging in its offerings, and up until this spring (according to their blog) cash only. There's an honor system for selling produce after hours--especially during the sweet corn harvest, when some locals (like me!) stop almost daily for their fix of this amazing summer treat.

Closed for about two years, The Hampton General Store reopened in February by James Oefinger, who also owns and operates Affordable Tree Services of Manchester. Oefinger's nephew Adam Betts manages the store. "It's been a general store since at least 1850," says Betts. "If you look on old town maps you'll see the building labeled as dry goods and it was run by a guy who lived in the house next door." Although Adam grew up in East Haddam, his extended family has been part of Hampton for generations.

According to Adam, his Uncle James and late wife Charlotte Rowe had talked about getting out of the physically demanding tree service for years. As longtime Hampton residents, they considered buying and reopening the store since it came on the market a few years ago. Oefinger reopened the store on Valentine's Day "in the middle of a tremendous weekend snowstorm that shut down traffic. It was probably good that we had pretty thin business the first couple weeks because we were figuring out our whole kitchen act," Adam says laughing.

Although they serve breakfast, lunch & dinner, The Hampton General Store specializes in really large grinders and thin-crust pizzas. Toppings run from traditional to gourmet, such as garlic scapes, ramp pesto and broccoli rabe. Fresh baked goods and homemade soups made by cook Laurie Villa and Oefinger's girlfriend Christine Hammon are also popular offerings. "We try and keep our ingredients really fresh," says Adam. "We don't really buy anything frozen and we make all the soups, salads, cole slaw and most baked goods here." In addition to the usual grocery staples, the store also stocks many specialty natural food items, including organic, gluten free and vegan items plus fresh local produce and free range eggs. You can even find unusual products such as kimchi, kombucha, and black bean pasta.

"At first we didn't think the kitchen would be that big a thing. We figured the groceries would be more of a draw, but it turns out that was totally wrong," says Adam. "I think the demand here is for a place to eat and to get milk. I hope that with Internet shopping, this store will become more of a relevant format. Because you'll get your groceries delivered to your house regularly and you won't want to drive half an hour to pick up what you forgot or ran out of early. I'm hoping the small town shop will make a comeback in that regard."

Quaddick Country Store in Thompson has a similar story, in which it sat vacant for a number of years and was purchased and reopened by locals. Paula & Roger Boisvert also own Man Around the House construction/ home improvement service. Paula grew up in Thompson and recalls going to the store as a little girl. "It was very

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exciting, we had change in our mittens and we would run down here to buy candy or something," she recalls laughing. She pulls out a faded picture of the building that they found when they bought the property. The sign reads Lee's Variety Store and the back is dated December 1974. "We have so many people who come in here and say, 'I used to come here as a kid!' They are so excited it's open again. We live nearby and we hated to see it sit empty for so long."

Open this April after some extensive renovations, Quaddick Country Store offers convenience items plus a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. The store is pleasantly decorated in sage green and white. Five or six small tables run the length of one side of the store along a row of windows. The rest of the space is filled with well-stocked bead board shelves and cupboards. The menu includes salads & apps, pizza, grinders, seafood and burgers from the grill. During the summer they have an ice cream window and a gravel patio filled with picnic tables surrounded by a pretty lawn.

"It was needed in the area," Paula says. "It has been in existence since the late 50s as a convenience store and it's always been a place in the community to stop and get milk or whatever. It's always had some kind of pizza or grinder element to it so we wanted to continue that as well." The Boisverts goal is to make it a viable business for a long time to come. "We want our kids to enjoy working here...they are all old enough to do that this summer."

"People have been very happy and welcomed us and they have been loyal too," says Paula. "We are getting a great response from our Facebook page, so people will drive out and find us." Otherwise their traffic is locals stopping for quick purchases during the week and Quaddick Lake visitors on the weekends for picnics, food & ice cream.

Woodstock Valley Country Store across from Bungay Lake also has a long history as a country store and restaurant. Manager and former owner Nancy Edmondson pulls out a hardcover book about Woodstock published by the historical society and shows me a page devoted to the building. During the 1950s, it was locally known for hosting Joe Kozey's Orchestra. The band played in a dance hall on the second floor of the ell. Nancy, who owned the business for 12 years, named the attached restaurant Kozy Korner Café in memory of this.

This April, Nancy sold her business to Maharshi Swadia and family, who have lived in Woodstock for the past 3 years while he helped run his parents' convenience store business in Southbridge. Maharshi has a brand new baby daughter (quietly sleeping in the restaurant during our interview). Originally from India, he came to the United States at age three. His family moved from New Jersey to Southbridge, where he grew up. "I've been looking for my own business since I got married. We built a house in Woodstock because education is very important and we wanted our child to get a good education here."

Maharshi heard Nancy's business was for sale. "I was a little scared at first because I have never done a food business, but thanks to Nancy, she stuck around and she is going to be with me as long as she likes. So everything is the same. A lot of customers are afraid since I bought it things will change, but everything is the same. The only thing I'm doing is bringing in more product because the closest convenience store is about 8 to 10 miles. Whatever people need they can tell me and I can bring it in."

Nancy sold because she was through with the stress of running the business by herself. "I'm doing now what I love to do...the store, the customers. They treat me like gold. The Swardis treat me like gold. It's a beautiful town. I couldn't ask for anything more. People stop in and they're like "Wow, it's a country store!' This place has so much character. You just don't see that anymore."

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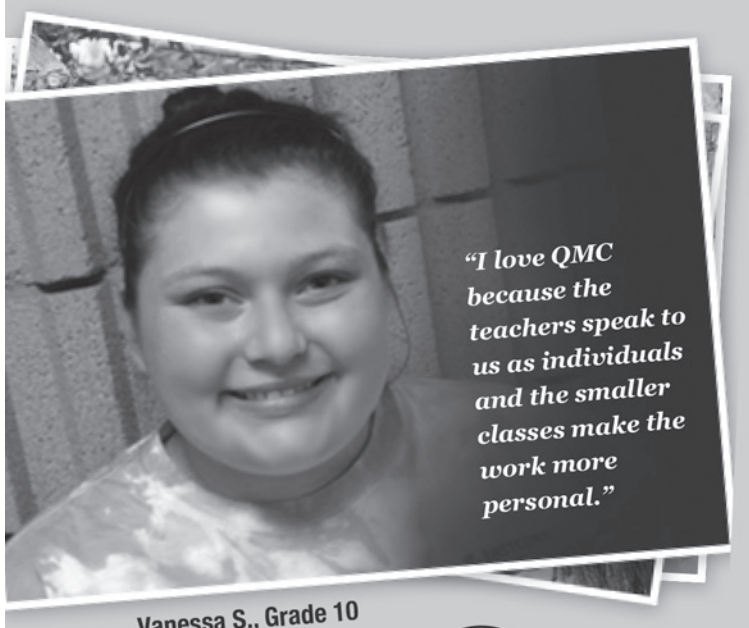

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BY CRIS CADIZ

Parks & Recreation Director Willie Bosquet has lined up some intriguing concerts for the Bandstand in Rotary Park this summer. The "British Mania" Al Fresco Concert on July 18th features a New Jersey-based Beatles tribute band backed up by the 40-piece Seven Hills Symphony from Worcester. They will perform three epic periods from the Beatles career, including the Ed Sullivan Show era, the Shea Stadium era and the Sergeant Pepper Magical Mystery Tour era. "This signature event of the summer will be a very eye-catching and interesting sounding concert with three costume changes and the symphony backing them up," says Bosquet. The 90-minute show will be followed immediately by River Fire at 8:30PM.

The August 8th concert prior to River Fire will feature the Little Big Band playing 40s-era music. "We are honoring the 70th anniversary of World War II," explains Bosquet. The Aspinock Historical Society will feature a presentation in memory of 30 WWII veterans from Putnam who died in the war. The September 12th River Fire will be a Family Day Event with an early start to the River Fire at 7:30PM plus family-oriented entertainment.

This year marks the 5th season of the popular First Fridays series, organized and sponsored by the area art community, local merchants, and the Putnam Business Association. The season-long theme for this year's outdoor street festival is "A Century of Art," which progresses from the Jazz Age in June through the Digital Age in October. As always, each First Fridays event features live entertainment, a variety of art & other vendors, interactive art projects, and special events hosted by downtown galleries including the Sochor Gallery, The Empty Spaces Gallery, Sawmill Pottery and Silver Circle Art Center. Most local shops stay open past regular hours and downtown restaurants are hopping! Come early and stay late... **For more information, visit www.DiscoverPutnam.com.**

In addition to long-time annual events such as the Deary Road Race–which draws hundreds of runners, walkers and cyclists to battle cancer at the local level through this Day Kimball Healthcare fundraiser–other popular summertime happenings include weekly Farmer's Markets at the Riverview Marketplace pavilion on Kennedy Drive. Enjoy fresh produce, plants, local meat and dairy products, artisans, entertainment and more on Monday and Thursday from 3:30-6:00 and Saturday from 10AM to 1PM.

This summer, Riverview Marketplace will also host the new Putnam Peddler's Market–a curated urban-style flea market modeled after those found in cities such as Brooklyn, Chicago, and Cincinnati. The market will be held every third Sunday (10AM-4PM) from May to October. "The goal is to bring the creative and festive atmosphere of big city markets to the quaint yet progressive small town of Putnam and provide a place where the region's best artisans and bargain shoppers can unite," states the event's website (www.putnampeddlersmarket.com). Offerings include new, repurposed, and vintage items such as accessories, antiques, art, books, clothing, collectibles, flowers/plants, furniture, handmade wares, jewelry, music items, photography and more. Food trucks and live music round out the eclectic offerings on the banks of the Quinebaug River.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Fri. July 3 (6-9pm), First Fridays: "WWII & THE ARTS"**
- **Sat. July 11, Fireworks with Johnny Press Mess band (Rain Date: Sun. July 12th)**
- **Sat. July 18, "British Mania" Al Fresco Concert / River Fire (Rain date: Sun. July 19)**
- **Fri. August 7 (6-9pm), First Fridays: "Pop Art"**
- **Sat. August 8, Deary Road Race/Little Big Band Concert/River Fire**
- **Sun. August 9, Main Street Car Cruise & the ARC**
- **Duck Race**
- **Fri. September 4 (6-9pm), First Fridays: "Urban Art"**
- **Sat. Sept. 12, Family Day Concert / River Fire**

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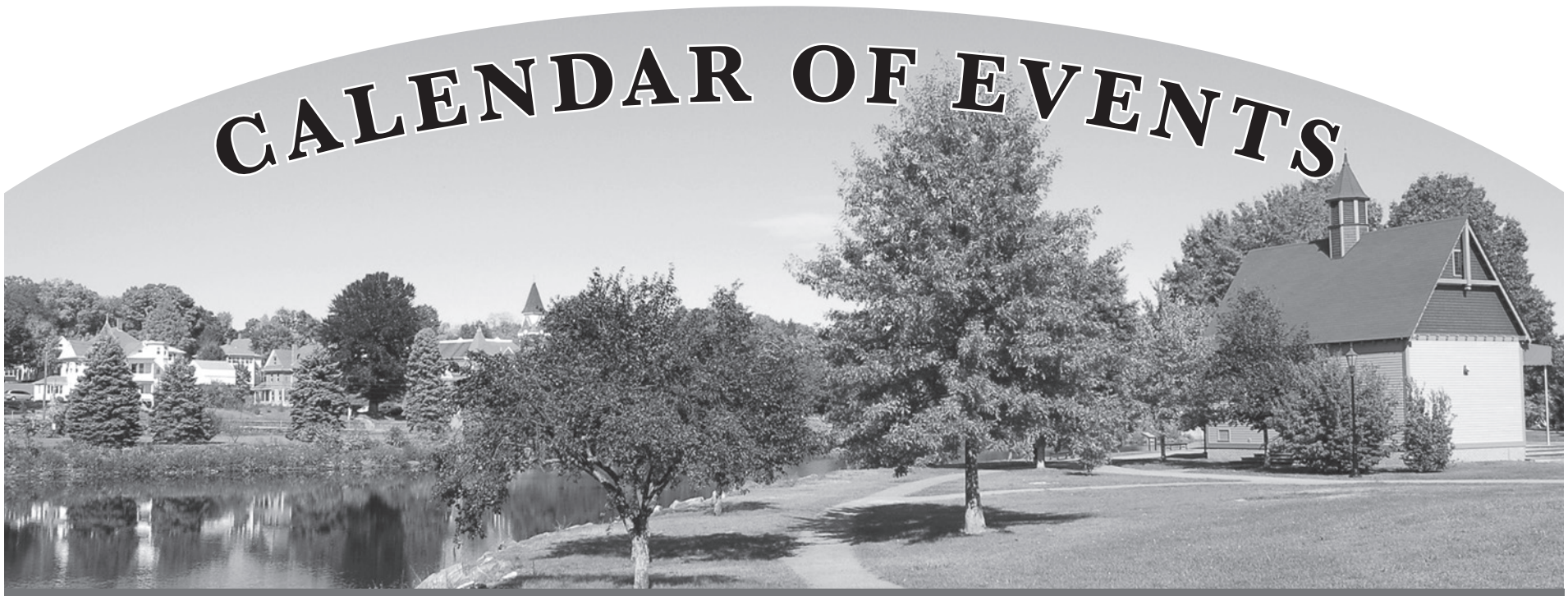

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July

4th of July Jamboree
East Woodstock Congregational Church
Woodstock, CT
www.explorewoodstock.com

11th (rain date July 12th)
Live Entertainment & Fireworks
Rotary Park, Putnam - Live entertainment with Jonny Press Mess followed by fireworks @ dusk!
www.winyradio.com

18th @ 7pm followed by Riverfire
The "British Mania" Al Fresco Concert
Rotary Park, Putnam, CT
Beatles Tribute Band
www.winyradio.org

18th Experience Eastford Day
Eastford, CT
The day will include a Heritage Day event sponsored by the Town, a Vintage Car Show at Bowen's Garage, a Craft Fair at Coriander Cafe, a music event at the Frog Rock, an Open House and Touch-a-Truck at the Firehouse, and a Frog Jump Contest and Band Concert at the Congregational Church.

August

July 31 & August 1,7, 8, 14, 15 @ 7:30 pm
2, 9, 16 @ 2 pm
Spamalot
Bradley Playhouse, Putnam, CT
Musical: $23 for Adults • $20 for Senior Citizens/ Student/Children
www.thebradleyplayhouse.org

8th beginning @ 6am
Annual Deary Memorial Road Race and Walk
Starting at JD Coopers, Putnam, CT
Popular five-mile road race (9AM) & walk (6 & 8AM) to benefit the Deary Memorial Cancer Fund; 15 or 30-mile bike ride options (8AM). **www.winyradio.com**

8th Little 'Big' Band & Riverfire
Rotary Park, Putnam, CT
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9th Putnam's Main Street Car Cruise & Arc Rubber Duck Race
(rain date 18th)
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September

4-7th Labor Day Weekend
153rd Woodstock Fair
Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock, CT
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12th Family Fund Day & Riverfire
Rotary Park, Putnam, CT
www.winyradio.com

26th, 9-3pm
Celebrating Agriculture
Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock, CT
Hearty Breakfast (donation: adults $5, children under 10 just $3) Agricultural Displays, Events/Demonstrations, Egg Decorating Contest, Forestry Fair, Farm Equipment, Entertainment, Food, Farmer's Market, Hay Rides & Farm Tour, Children's Activities, Horses, Cows and More!

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